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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98

Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is after receipt of a first Office Action on the Merits of the above-captioned application, the filing fee of \$180 is enclosed. If no proper payment is enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited references are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed item is necessary.

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Further to the list provided in the communication filed on January 14, 2004, Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following pending U.S. and International Applications that have one or more common inventors and/or are commonly owned:

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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